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2 DAYS SINCE CHALLENGERS
MOUNTAIN APPEARED.
ARKHAM ASYLUM.

ARRGGGHH!

THRAKOOOM

YEEEAGGGHHH!

THE CELL OF VICTOR FRIES,
ALIAS: MR. FREEZE.

MY CELL
IS OPEN.
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

BROKEN
IN. CAN'T
BE PUT BACK
TOGETHER
AGAIN.

VICTOR
FRIES.

YOU WILL BE FREE
AS LONG AS YOU
PROMISE TO PLAY
WITH ME.

TAKE
THIS CARD,
AND I WILL GIVE
YOU THE POWER TO
CREATE WHATEVER
YOU DESIRE.

WHO INVITES MR.
FREEZE? ARE YOU
BATMAN? OR ARE
YOU JOKER?

I AM SOMETHING MORE. FROM DOWN,
DOWN, DOWN AMONG THE GNASHING TEETH.
A PLACE COLDER AND DARKER.

"...THAN YOUR
FRIGID LITTLE
HEART."

It seems like I'm not the only one who looked
a little surprised to step into a barren, frigid
wasteland populated by Frost giants where a
major U.S. metropolis used to be.

It's been three days since a
mountain appeared in
Gotham City and Batman
told me about the existence
of a Dark Multiverse.

GOTHAM RESISTANCE PART 2: "A RING OF ICE AND FEAR"

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Green Arrow.

Two days since he asked me and the Bat-Family
to distract the Justice League so he could
retrieve a secret weapon...and went radio silent.

One day since I came to Gotham to find it
transformed into chaos by Batman's worst villains.

URRR!

FWOOMP

Not how I would have chosen to
spend a long weekend, honestly.
Ice and tights do not mix.

Glad I stopped by the Batcave
and picked up this thermal armor
Bruce had made for me. It's his
version of an ugly sweater...he
just wants me to stay warm.

HNH!

THIS WAY!
GET THAT
THING MOVING
THIS WAY!

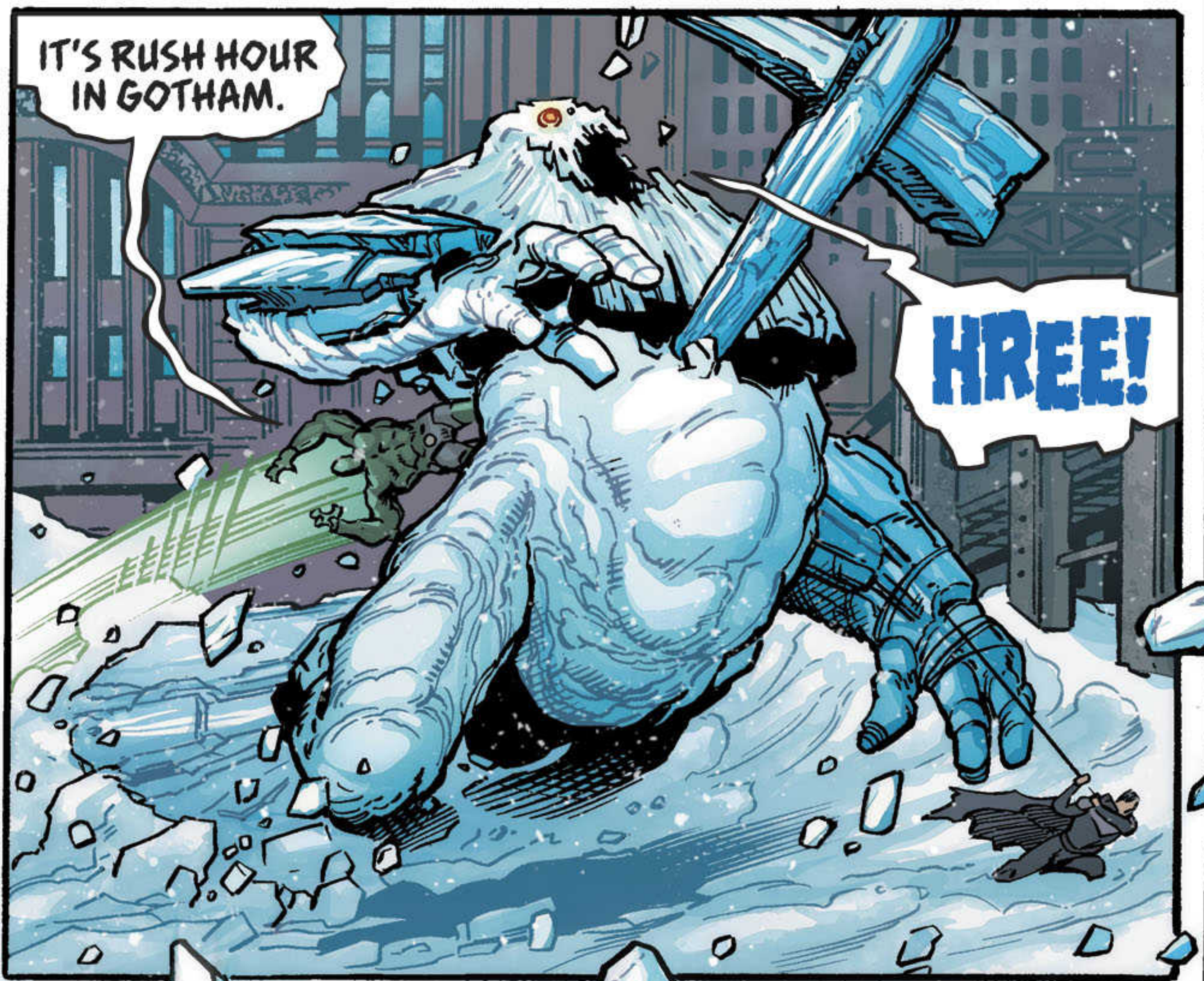
WHAT'S
HE GOIN' ON
ABOUT?

HNH.
THE SUN
PUTS IT AT
5:15.



I GET
WHAT YOU'RE
DOIN', KID.

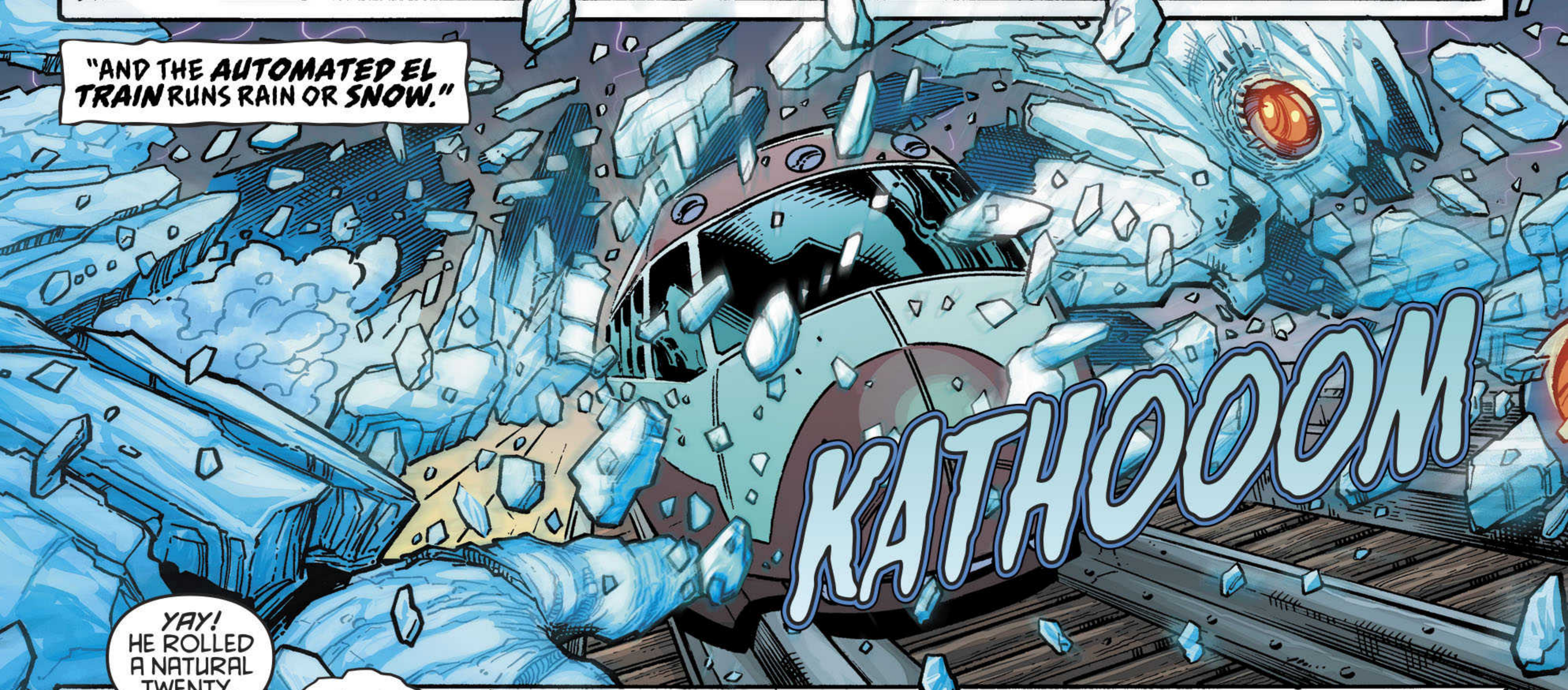
RRGK!



IT'S RUSH HOUR
IN GOTHAM.

HREE!

"AND THE AUTOMATED EL
TRAIN RUNS RAIN OR SNOW."



KATHOOOM

YAY!
HE ROLLED
A NATURAL
TWENTY.

I'M GOING
TO PRETEND I
DON'T GET THAT
REFERENCE.

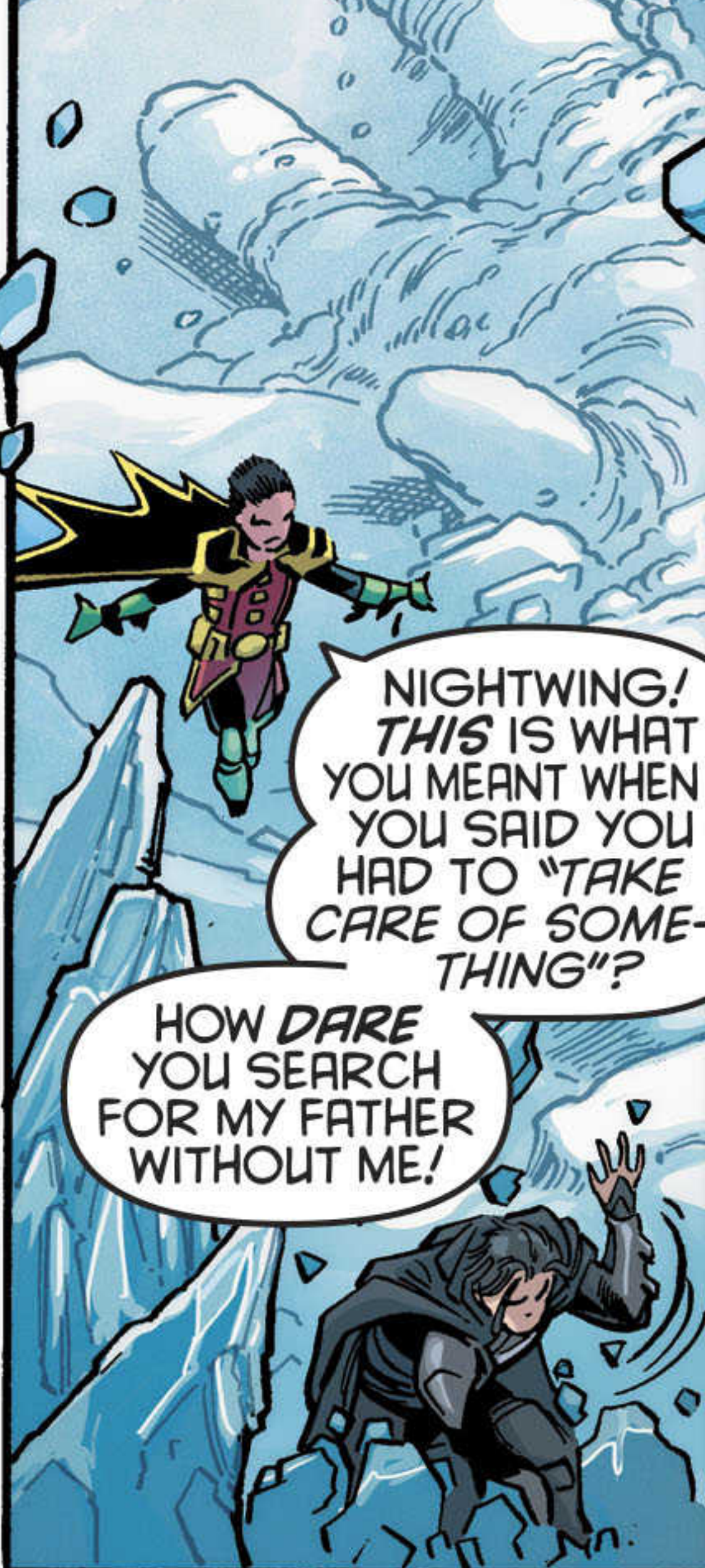
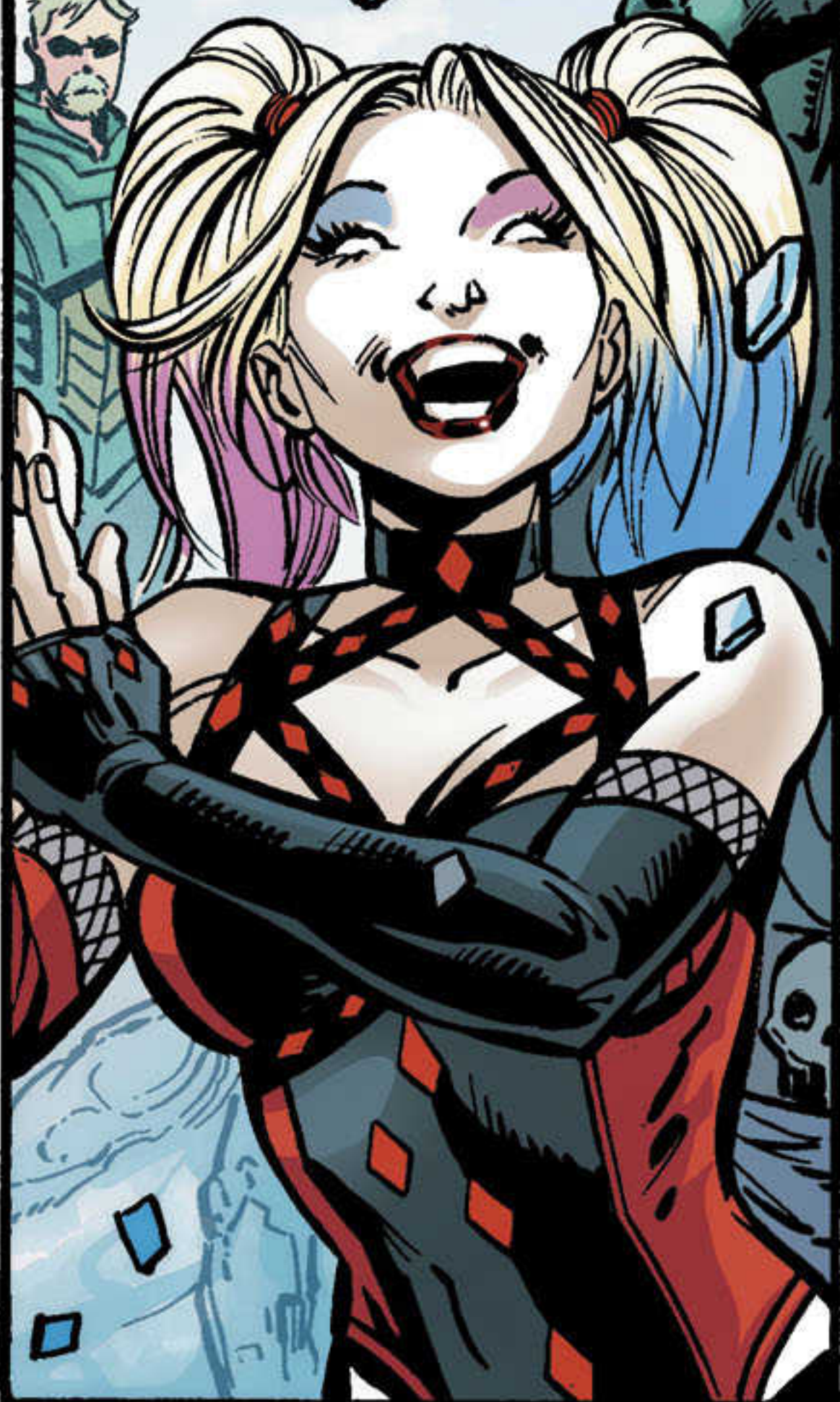
YA CAN
TAKE THE
KID OUTTA
GOTHAM...

"BUT YA CAN'T TAKE THE
BATMAN OUT OF THE KID."

WE COULD HAVE FOUND
BATMAN BY NOW IF YOU
HADN'T LEFT ME BEHIND WITH
THIS WOULD-BE NANNY AND
THESE PATHETIC EXCUSES
FOR SUPER-CRIMINALS...

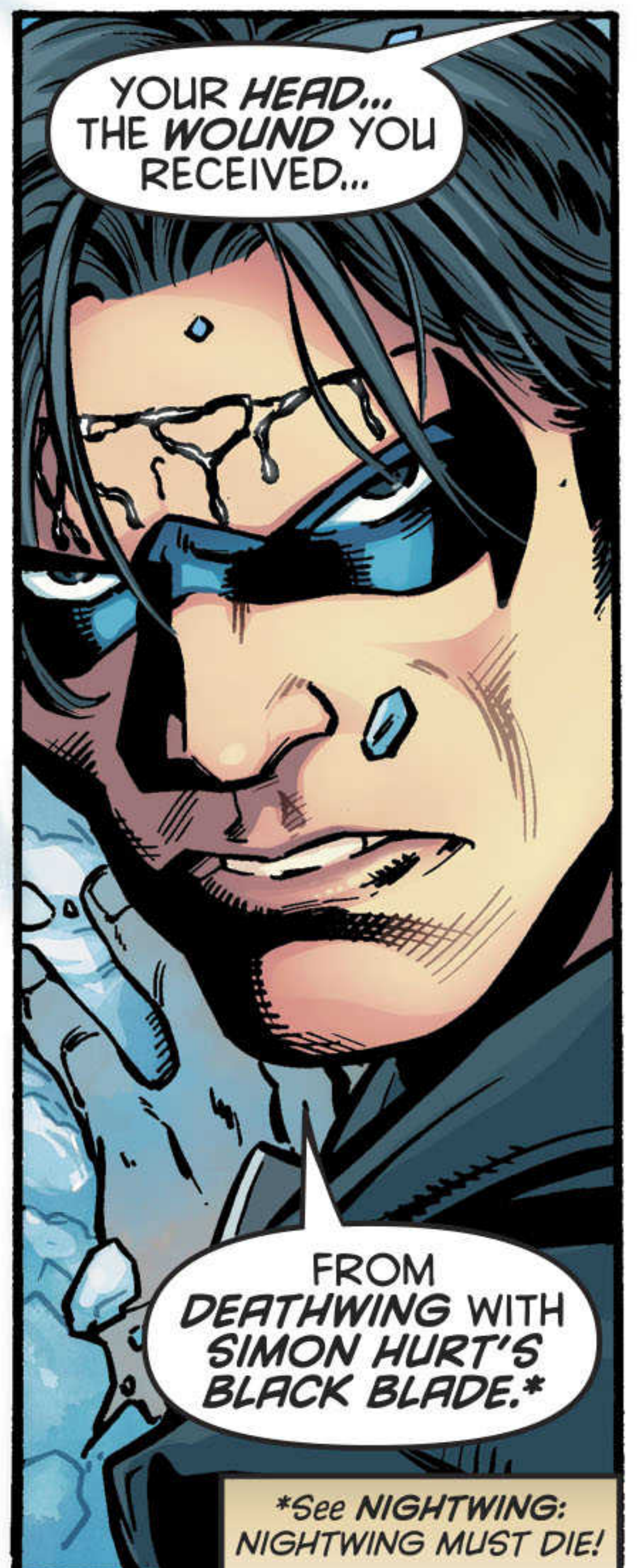
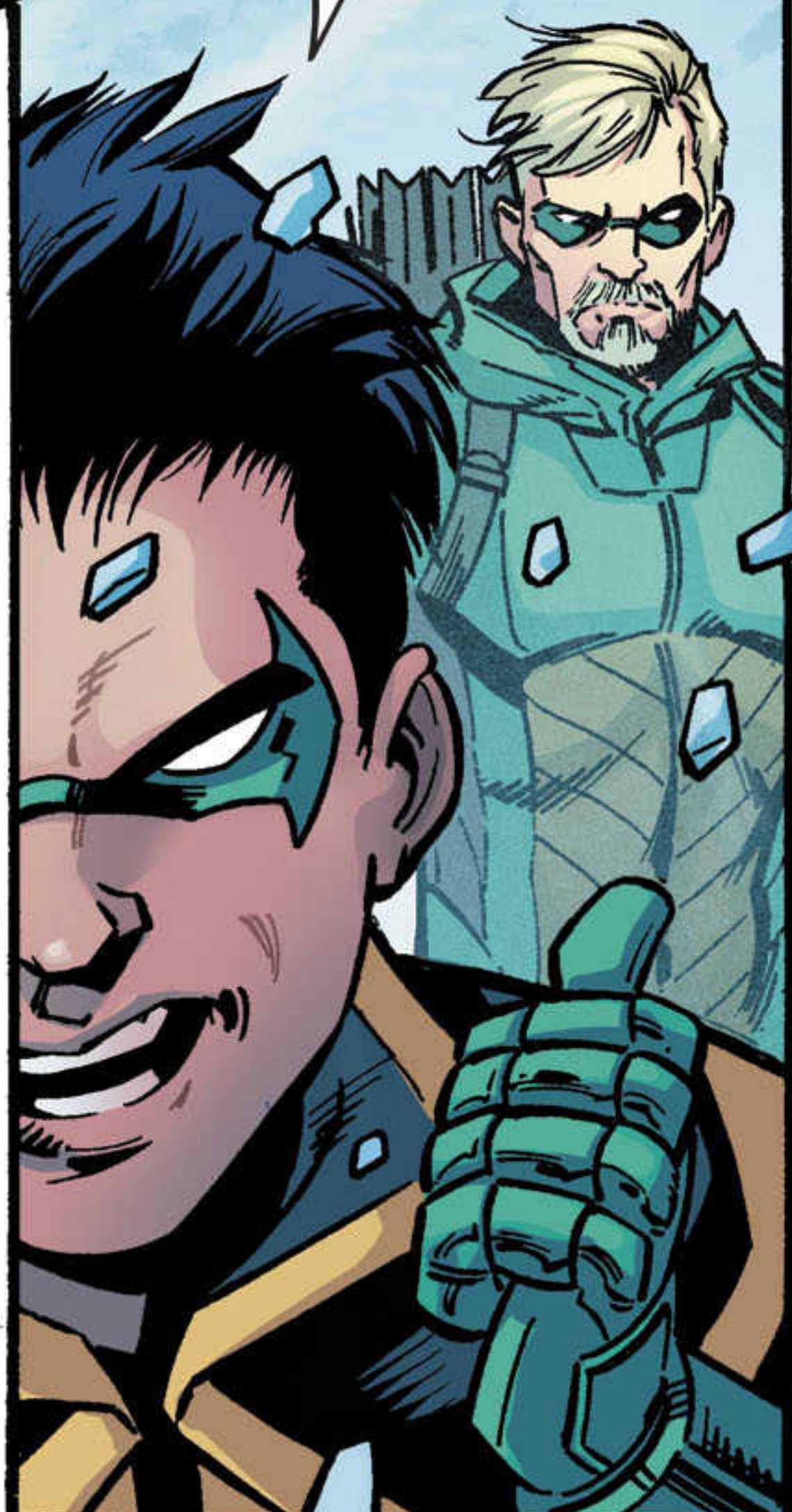
NIGHTWING?

YOUR HEAD...
THE WOUND YOU
RECEIVED...



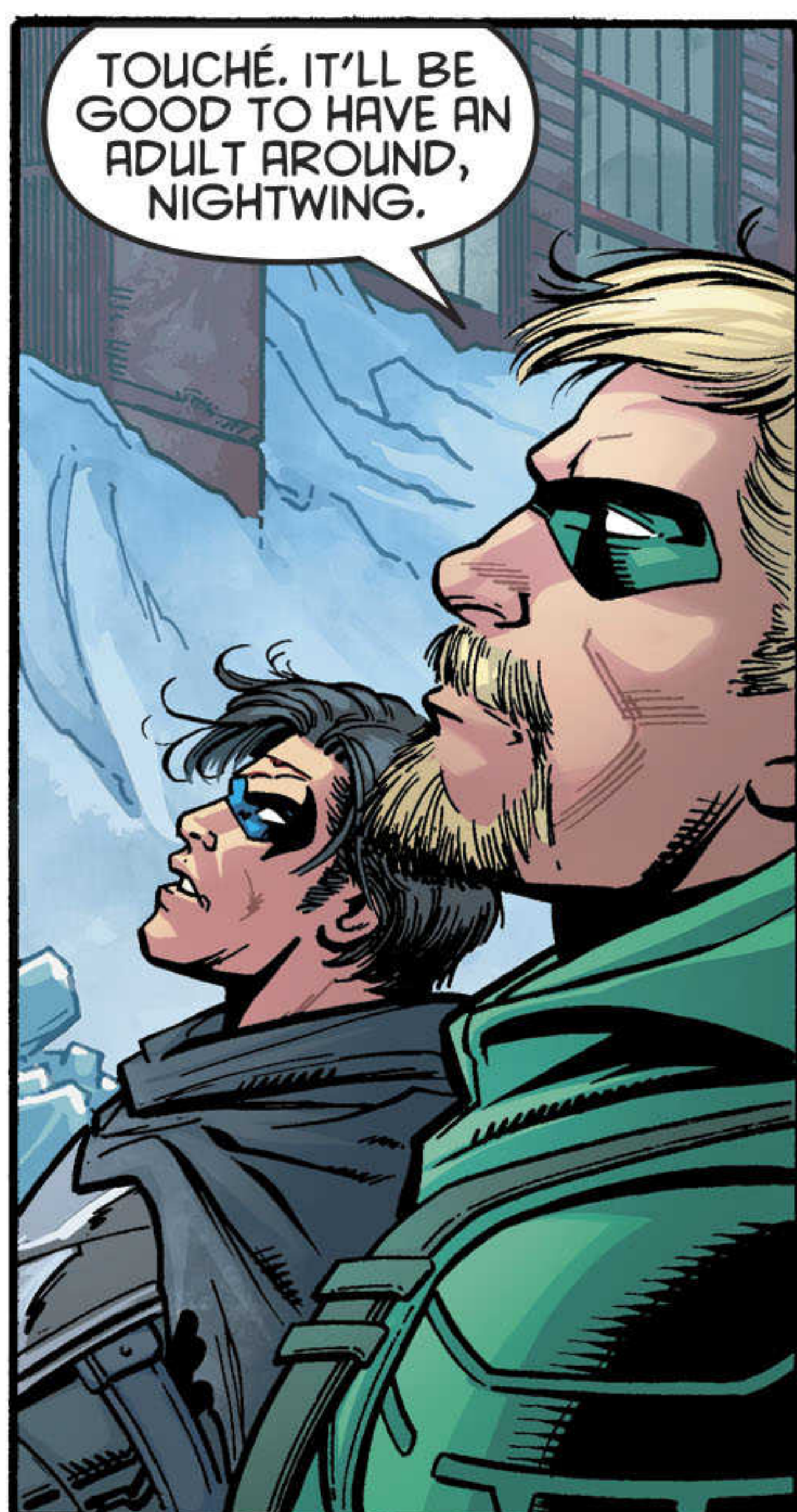
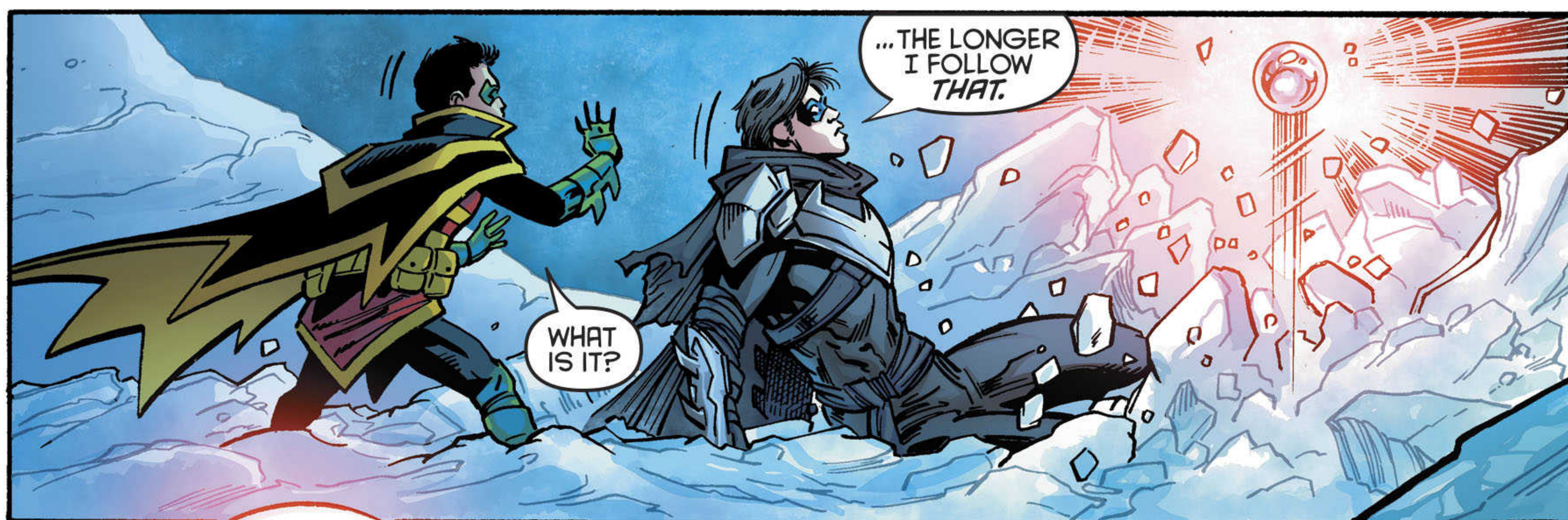
NIGHTWING!
THIS IS WHAT
YOU MEANT WHEN
YOU SAID YOU
HAD TO "TAKE
CARE OF SOME-
THING"?

HOW DARE
YOU SEARCH
FOR MY FATHER
WITHOUT ME!



FROM
DEATHWING WITH
SIMON HURT'S
BLACK BLADE.*

*See NIGHTWING:
NIGHTWING MUST DIE!





"---I'D BE BETTER OFF WITH THE TEEN TITANS!"

WE'D HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF WITH DAMIAN.



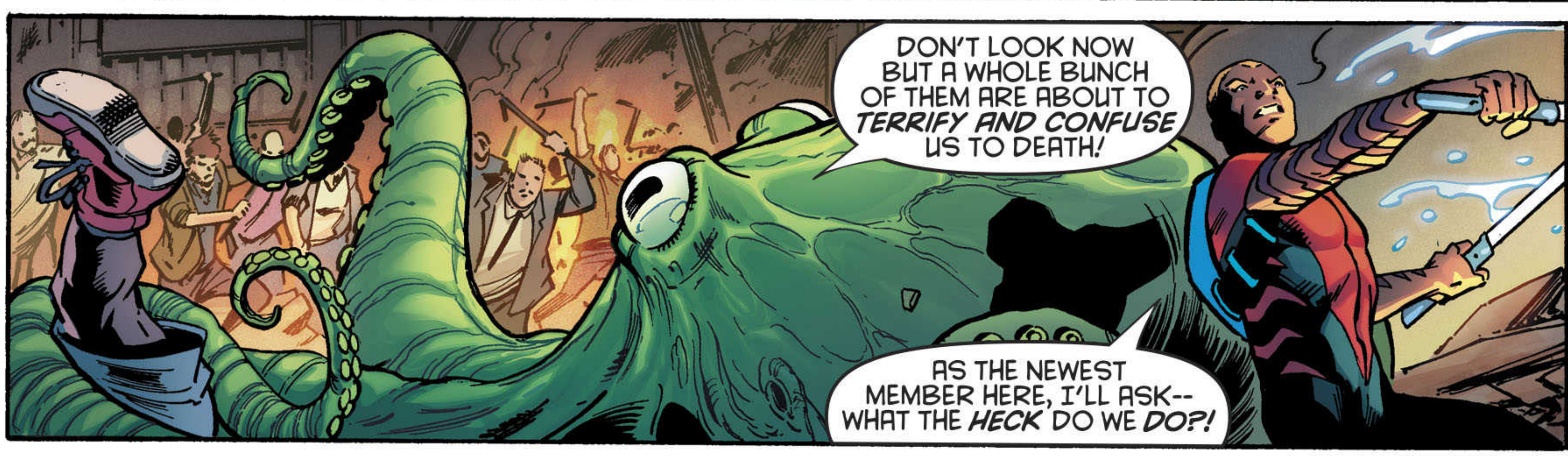
AT LEAST YOU KNOW WHEN HE'S GOING TO BE A JERK--

--WHICH IS ALWAYS.

I CAN'T TELL WHO'S A LOOTER AND WHO'S A LOOTEE ANYMORE.

I CAN FEEL THEIR TERROR AND CONFUSION, BEAST BOY, AND ~~UNH~~ IT'S GETTING WORSE.

RAVEN'S RIGHT. JUDGE LESS, AND PREVENT MORE INJURIES.



DON'T LOOK NOW BUT A WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM ARE ABOUT TO TERRIFY AND CONFUSE US TO DEATH!

AS THE NEWEST MEMBER HERE, I'LL ASK-- WHAT THE HECK DO WE DO?!

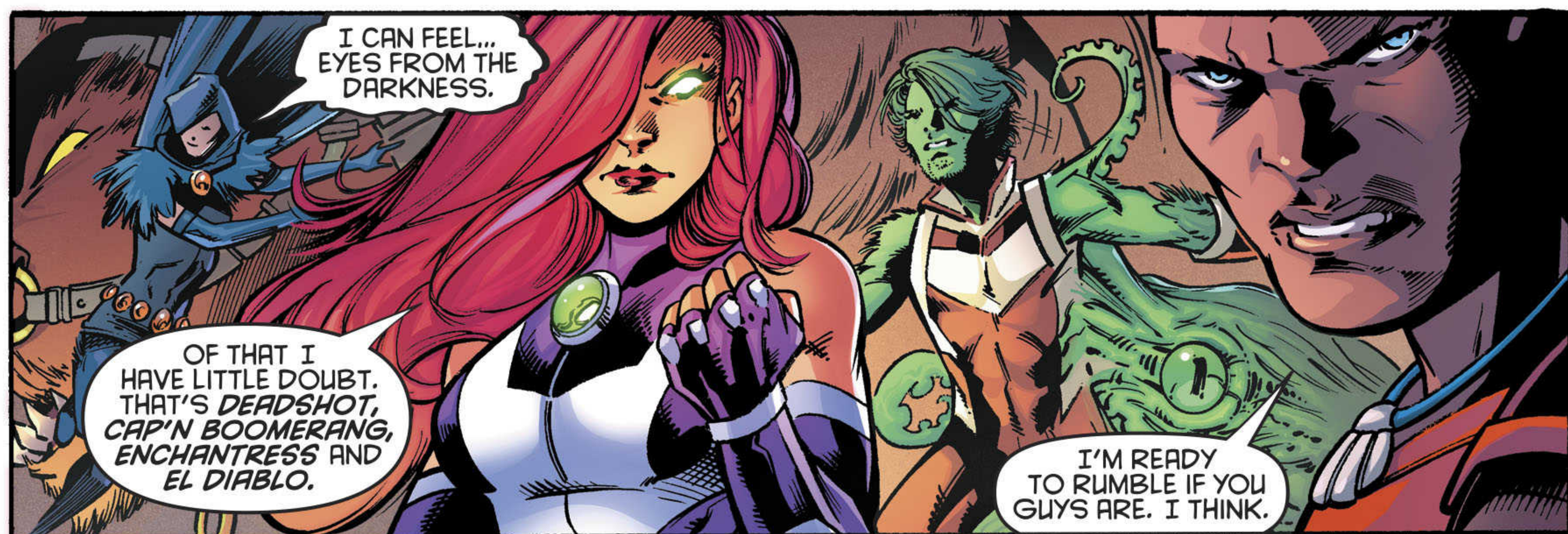


YOU CAN SAY A LOT ABOUT SUPER-VILLAINS...



...BUT
AT LEAST WE
DON'T SEND
FRIGGIN' KIDS
TO DO OUR
JOB FOR
US.

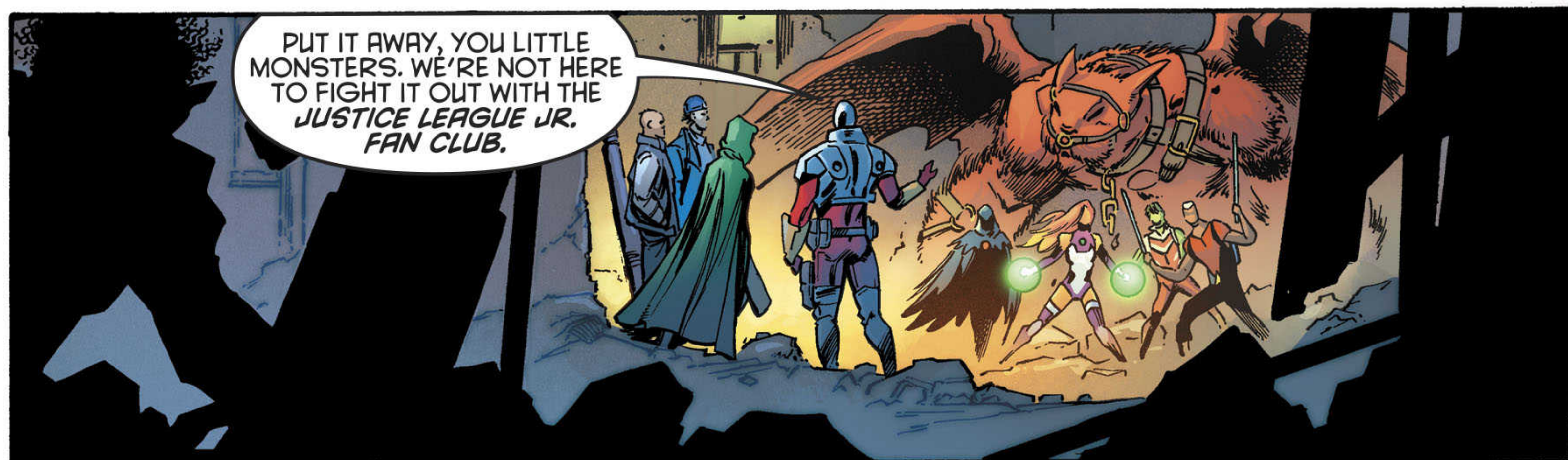
NICE WORK,
ENCHANTRESS.
THEY'D RUN FASTER
IF THEIR PANTS
WEREN'T SO FULL
OF CRAP.



I CAN FEEL...
EYES FROM THE
DARKNESS.

OF THAT I
HAVE LITTLE DOUBT.
THAT'S **DEADSHOT,**
CAP'N BOOMERANG,
ENCHANTRESS AND
EL DIABLO.

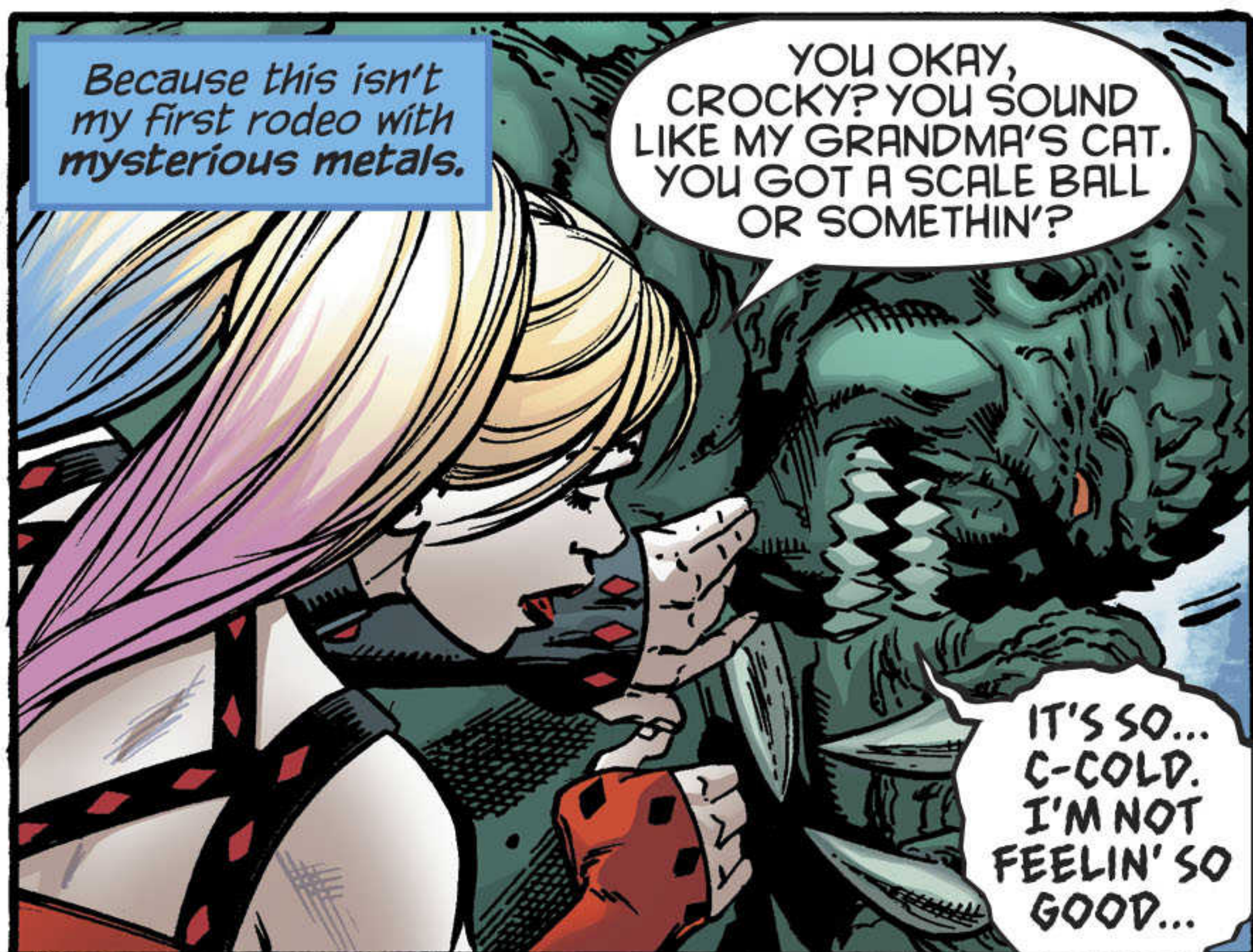
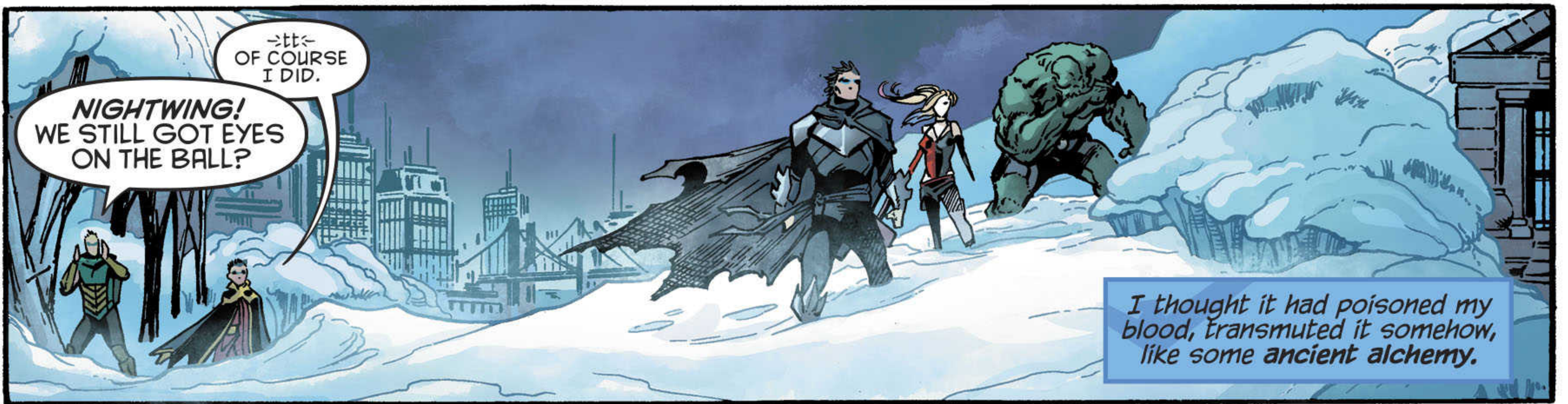
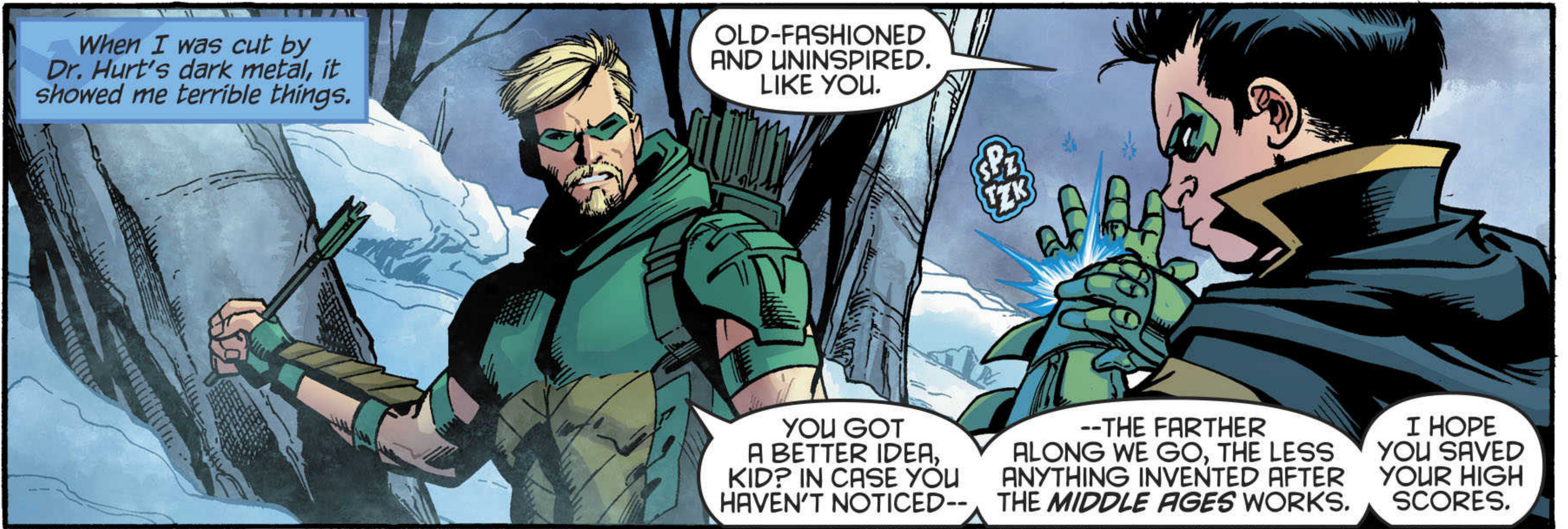
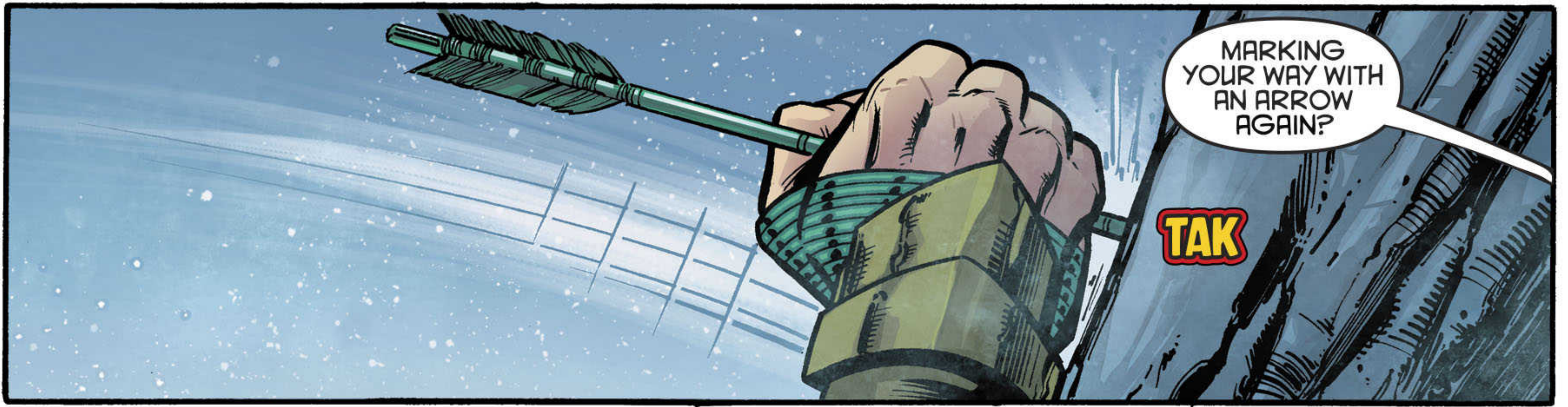
I'M READY
TO RUMBLE IF YOU
GUYS ARE. I THINK.



PUT IT AWAY, YOU LITTLE
MONSTERS. WE'RE NOT HERE
TO FIGHT IT OUT WITH THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE JR.
FAN CLUB.



WE'RE ALL
GOOD GUYS
HERE.





HHH. COLD BLOOD, MAN.

QUINN. LOOK.

Years ago, Batman discovered **Electrum** in one of my teeth. Traces in my blood.

Latent. Waiting. For a trigger.

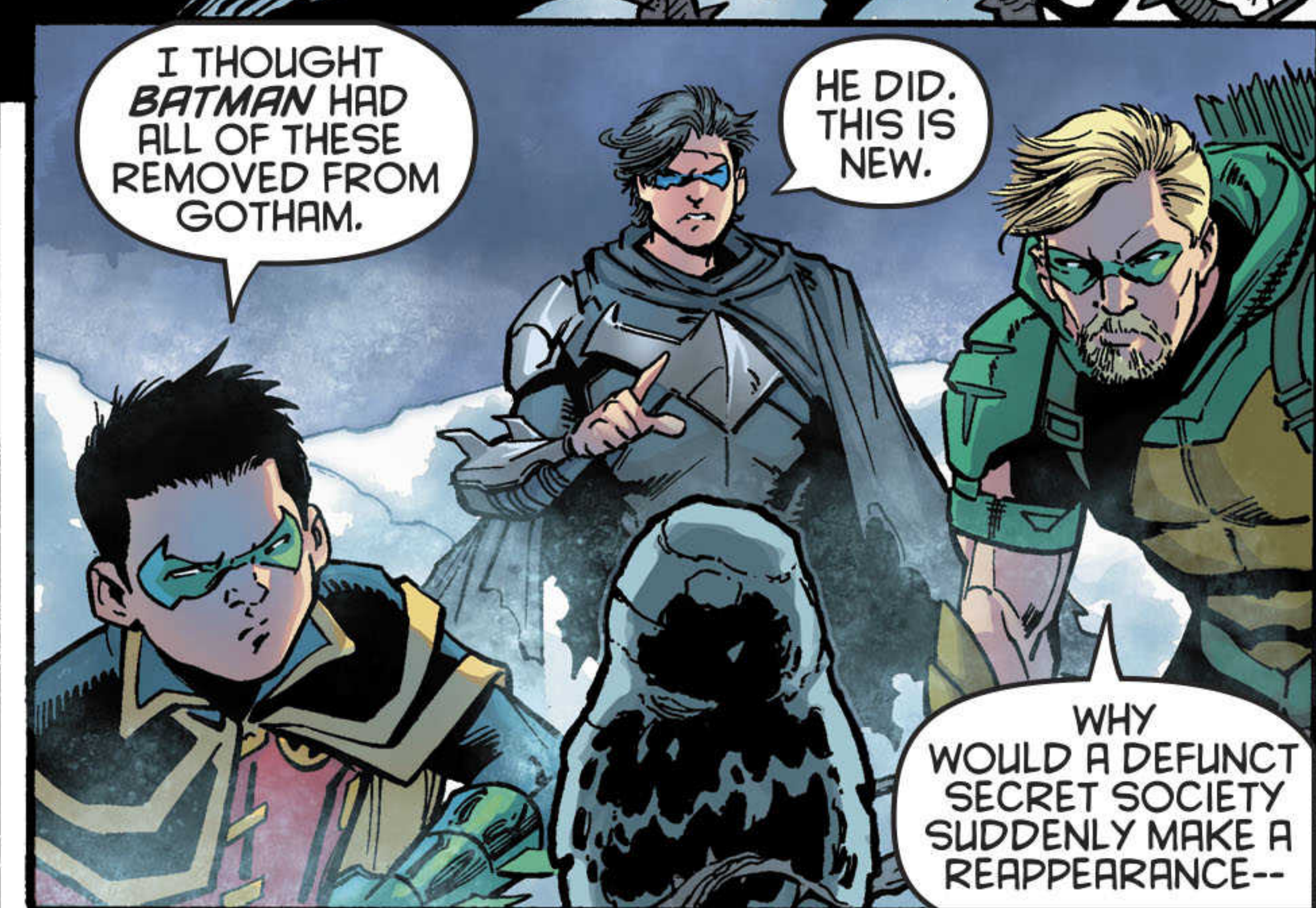


Ooh! COURT OF OWLS!

The Owls put it there. My whole life, they'd secretly prepared me to be a weapon. **A Talon.**

After I took down their network, I thought I was free of them.* But what if I'm not?

*See NIGHTWING: BETTER THAN BATMAN--Tay



I THOUGHT **BATMAN** HAD ALL OF THESE REMOVED FROM GOTHAM.

HE DID. THIS IS NEW.

WHY WOULD A DEFUNCT SECRET SOCIETY SUDDENLY MAKE A REAPPEARANCE--



--RIGHT WHEN EVERYTHING WENT TO HELL?

YES. HELL. AS DESCRIBED BY DANTE, WITH ITS MULTIPLE RINGS.



EACH ONE IS GUARDED BY A DEVIL.

WE'VE GOT COMPANY.

BIG, UGLY COMPANY.



AND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE UNIVERSE...



...IS
A LAKE
OF ICE.

I AM
FREEZE.

I WAS
CHOSEN TO
GUARD THIS REALM.
ALL THAT ENTERS
HERE TURNS COLD,
BECOMES
BRITTLE...

...AND
BREAKS.

OUTSIDE RIDDLER'S LABYRINTH.

YOUR BEAST IS WONDERFUL. WHAT'S HIS NAME?

GOLIATH IS NOT MINE. BUT DO ME A FAVOR AND BACK OFF, ELDER GOTH.

THE TEEN TITANS DO NOT ASSOCIATE WITH CRIMINALS AND ASSASSINS.

AND I DON'T USUALLY HANG OUT WITH GRADE-SCHOOLERS...

BUT QUINN AND CROC ARE MISSING...

WHAT'S WRONG, AQUALAD? YOUR *FISH-SENSE* GOING OFF?

DO YOU HEAR... CHATTERING? THEY'RE SAYING...

..."CROW."

CROW

CROW

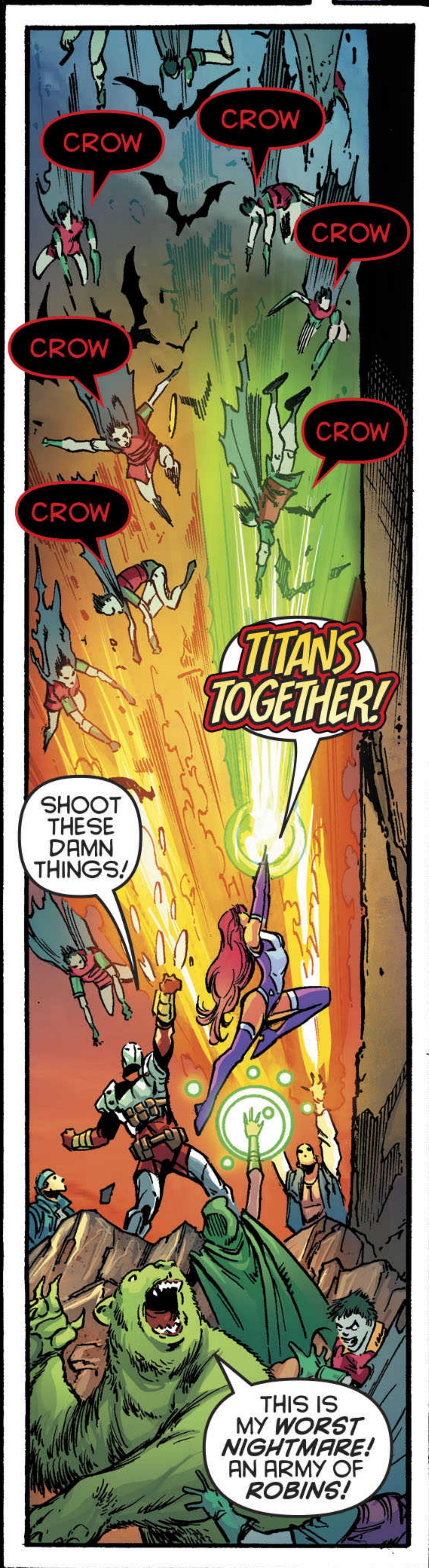
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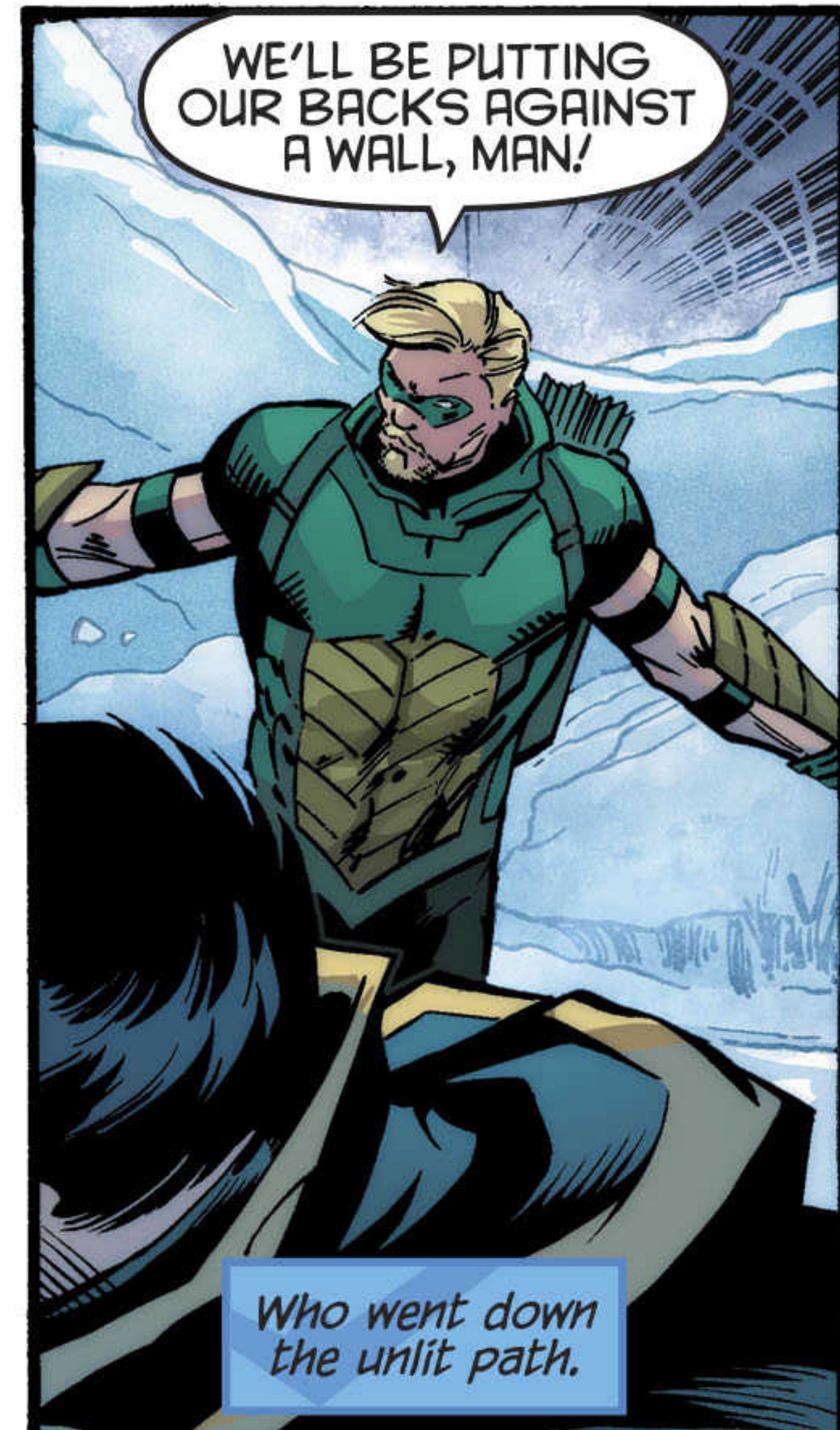
CROW

CROW

CROW

CROW







NIGHTWING,
WHERE DID YOU
LEAD US TO?

THE ARMORY.

WHAT...
WHAT IS IT?

I'LL TELL
YA WHAT
IT IS!

IT'S THE
BAT MITZVAH
OF MY MURDER
DREAMS!

When Batman told me that he'd
been prepared to be a doorway for
Barbatos to come to our world,
I told him what I had seen.

He said what he always
says, to let him worry
about *what's in the dark*.

But what if Dr. Hurt knew
something even he didn't?
What if this was the Owls'
plan all along?

If Bruce is the
doorway... what if
I'm the weapon?



THE ARROW...
JUST LIKE THE ONES
I FOUND WHEN I WAS
LAST IN GOTHAM.*

WHAT IS
THIS PLACE?

IT'S METAL. *THE* METAL. THE KIND
ROBIN AND I ENCOUNTERED, THAT'S
SOMEHOW CONNECTED
TO BARBATOS THE
DEMON. THE OWLS
HAVE BEEN HOLDING
IT. PREPARING.

NOW WE'RE
THE ONLY
ONES LEFT TO
FIGHT.

*FIGHT?! WHAT FIGHT?! WE WANDER
BLIND AND DUMB, WHEN WE **SHOULD**
BE LOOKING FOR BATMAN!*
THE TEEN TITANS QUESTION
WHETHER I CAN BE TRUSTED!
GREEN ARROW BELIEVES I AM
NOTHING MORE THAN A CHILD
PLAYING DRESS UP!

AND YOU,
BELIEVING
YOU KNOW
BEST, LIKE
ALWAYS!

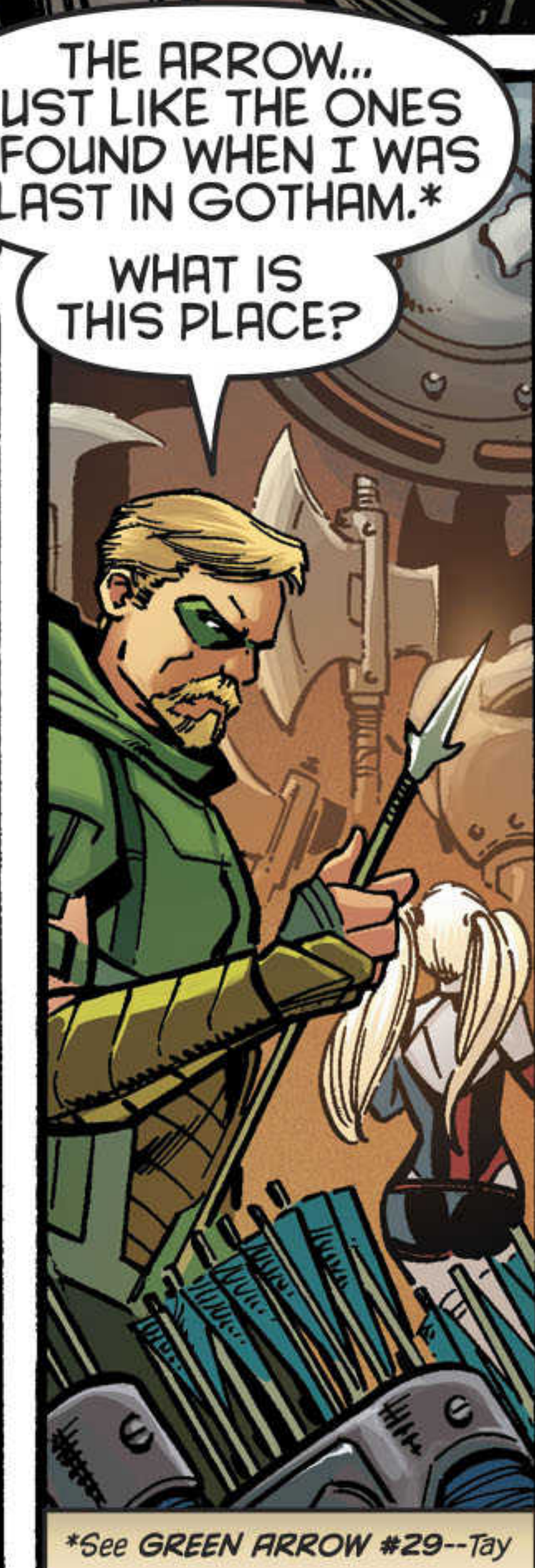
YOU NEVER
DOUBT!
WHAT IS
WRONG WITH
YOU?!

I DON'T ALWAYS KNOW WHAT'S
BEST, BUT I *DO* KNOW THAT
WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.
YOU AND ME, SEARCHING
FOR BATMAN.

Wherever
he is, we'll find him,
like we did before.
Like family.

AW. HEY, I MISS MY *AUNTIE*
FLOWERS, TOO. NOW THAT
WE'RE ALL DONE EMOTIN'...

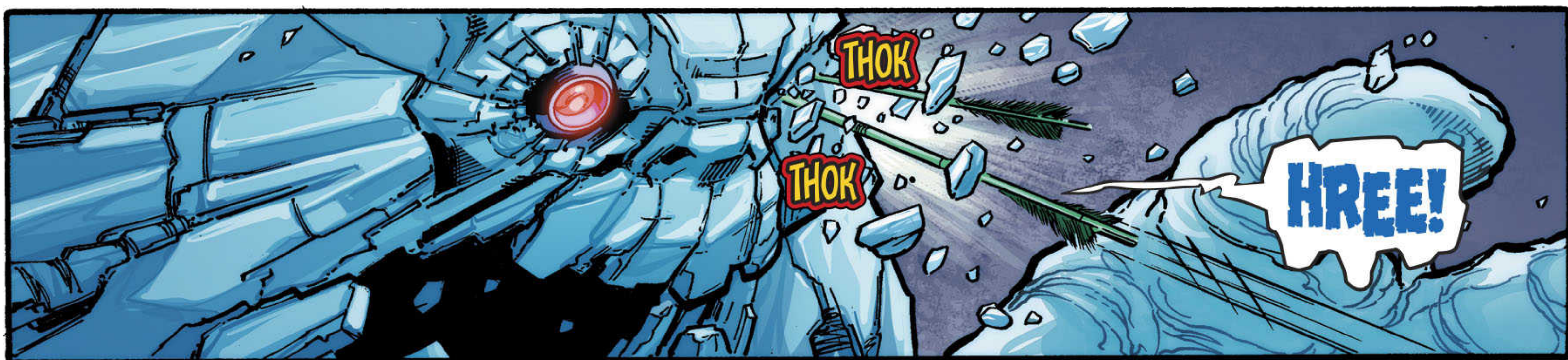
SEEMS LIKE IT'D
BE A REAL SHAME TO
LET ALL THIS STUFF
GO TO WASTE.





OPEN THE
EARTH FOR ME,
MY GIANTS!

I CLAIM
THIS REALM,
AND EVERYTHING
IN IT!



THOK

THOK

HREE!

When the mountain rose up
in Gotham, I could feel its
gravitational pull from Blüdhaven.

WE ALL
LOOK HOT!
SO, LET'S WARM
FREEZE UP!



I could taste the
poison pouring
into the sky.



NO!
THE COURT'S
ARMORY
BELONGS
TO ME.



I WILL PICK THE
PIECES OFF OF
YOUR BRITTLE
CORPSES!

ARE YOU READY,
DR. QUINZEL?

So when Bruce vanished
after we fought the
Justice League, I knew
I had to come here.

GIMME A SECOND
LONGER WITH THE VIEW,
WOULD YA?



HARLEY!

To save the city I once called
home from darkness.

OKAAAAAY. FINE.



CHARGE!

To be there for my friends
so they weren't alone.



And to stop them from
going down the unlit path.

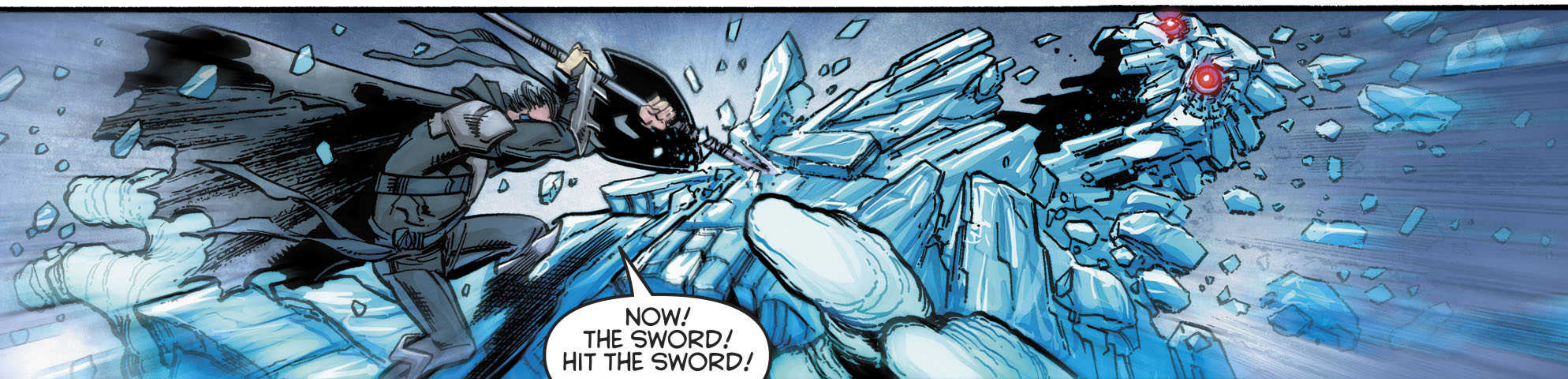
THAT'S
OUR
OPENING,
KID!

HE GAVE ME THE
POWER! AND I DESIRE
A FROZEN, SILENT LAND!

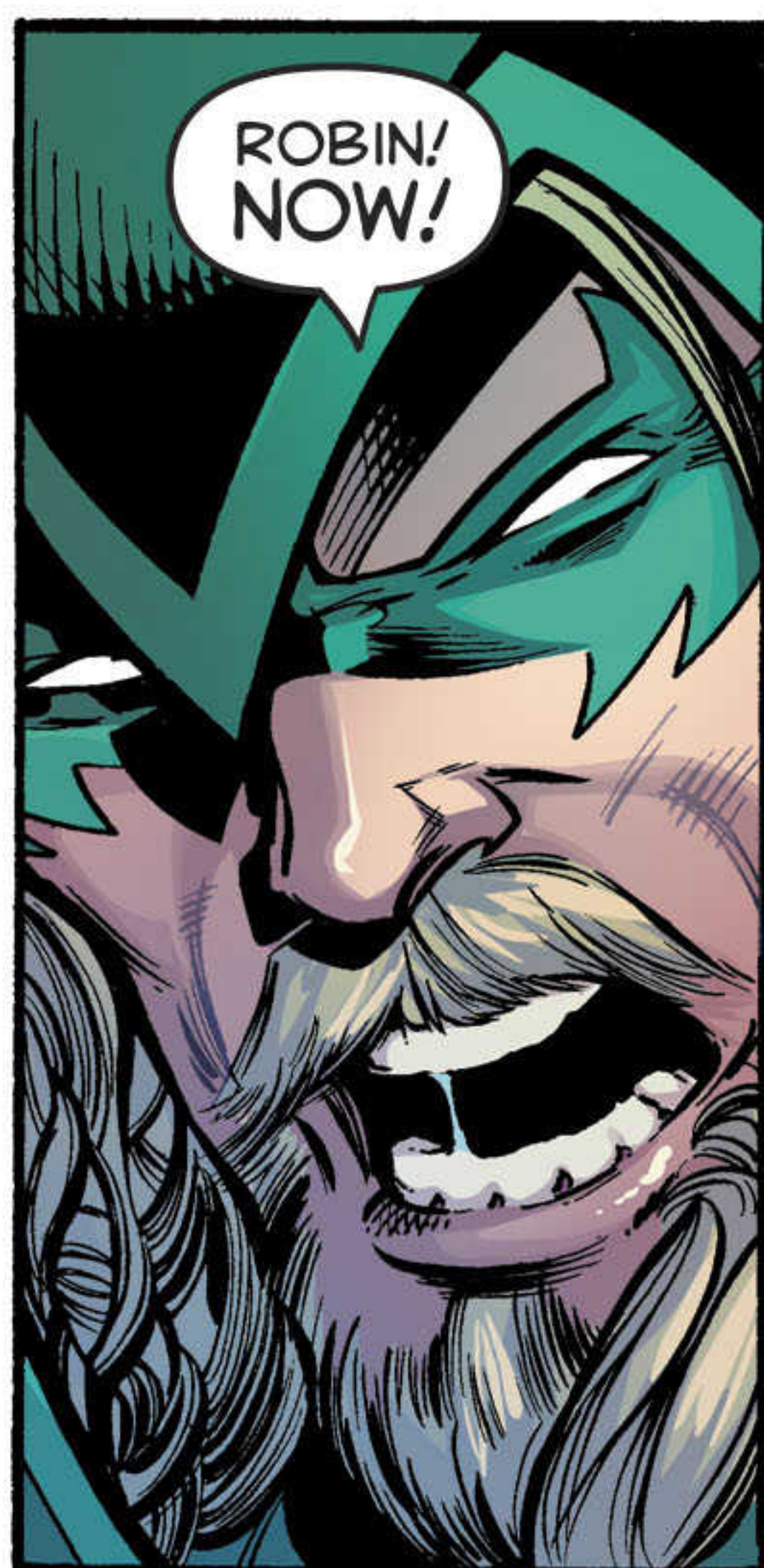
Because it's only going
to get worse from here.



MAN, GOTHAM
DOES DO WEIRDOS
BETTER THAN
ANYBODY.



NOW!
THE SWORD!
HIT THE SWORD!



ROBIN!
NOW!



I KNOW THE PLAN!
DON'T BOSS ME
AROUND!

In the armory, I told
Damian I had faith
we'd find Batman like
we always do.



I AM ROBIN!
I AM THE HEIR
TO THE BAT!

I lied.



YEAH. AND
YOU'RE A
MENACE.

THOUGH...
I SUPPOSE THAT
COMES IN HANDY
SOMETIMES!

KASH

The truth is, I'm having
visions again. Of failure.
Of unlit paths.



RAAAH!

ROBIN!
STOP! STOP!
IT'S OVER!

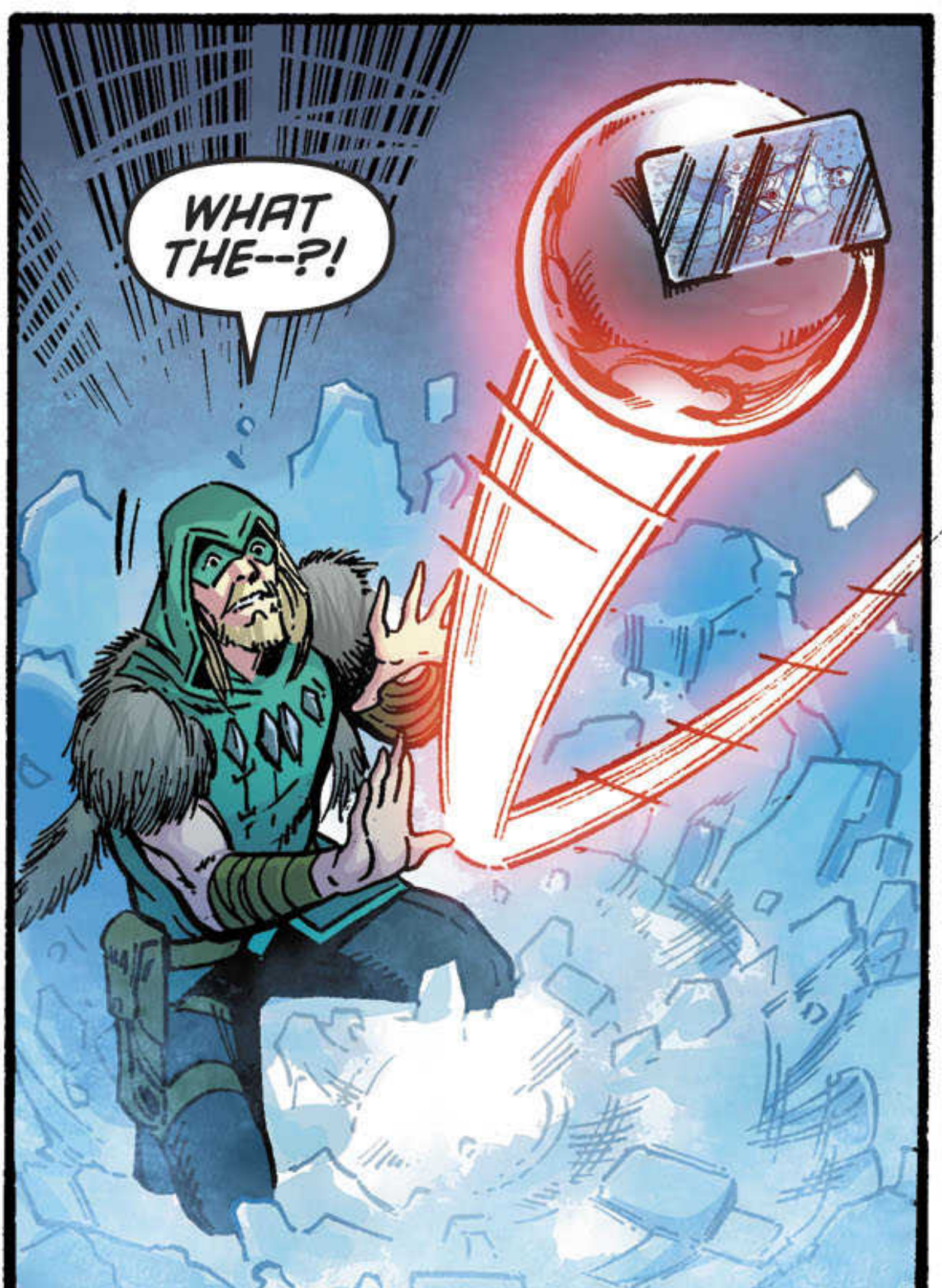
IT'S
OVER.

But they're not
visions of me.



ANOTHER
CARD...

And they're not
of some other,
distant world.



WHAT
THE--?!



WE'RE PLAYING SOMEONE'S GAME, RUNNING THEIR MAZE, AND THEY'VE GOT THE ADVANTAGE THAT THEY CAN SEE IT FROM ABOVE.

NIGHTWING? YOU OKAY?

Like a drumbeat in my head, one name keeps repeating... **BARBATOS**.

Visions... the darkness...

... calling...

For the truth of Dick's visions, see **METAL #2**--Tay



TRUST ME, GREEN ARROW. IT'S NOT **ABOVE** ANYTHING.

Bruce always had a little "joke" he used to say when he'd leave and put me in charge.

He'd always say, "Keep the lights on, until I get back."

ELSEWHERE...

SCREE

SPEAK, MY LITTLE BIRD. WHAT DOES YOUR BROTHER SEE?

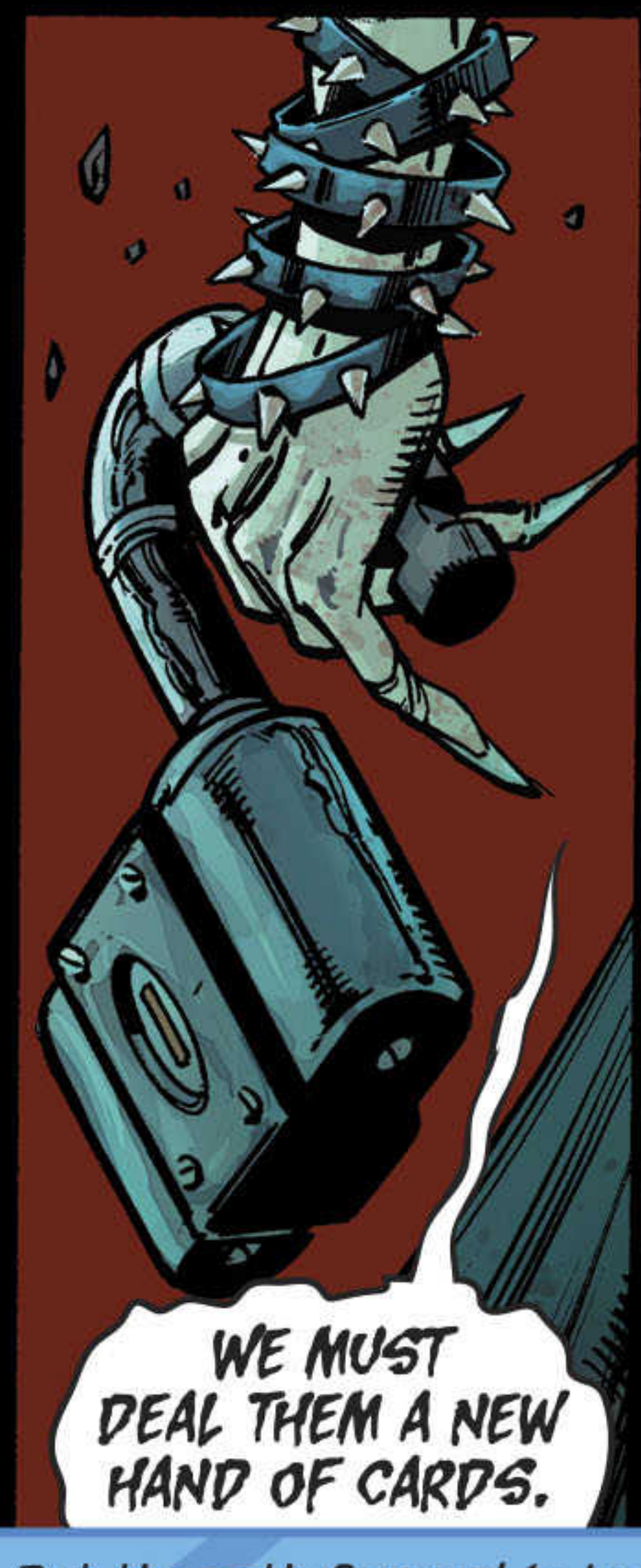
This time... he left that last part off.



SHREE SCREE SHKEE SCREE

THAT'S NOT HOW WE WANTED THE GAME TO GO, IS IT?

I'm going to try and keep the lights on.



WE MUST DEAL THEM A NEW HAND OF CARDS.

But the path forward is long and hard and uncertain...

...and the
light is
dwindling.

ONE
PACKED WITH
JOKERS.

NEXT:
IN **SUICIDE SQUAD** #26.

WELCOME TO
**POISONIVY'S
JUNGLE!**